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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Rangan, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/173,582)
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For: DATA COMMUNICATION) Group Art Unit: 2732
NETWORK WITH TRANSFER)
PORT, CASCADE PORT AND/OR)
FRAME SYNCHRONIZING)
SIGNAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

OFFICIALAMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed February 1, 2000, please examine the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks. A petition for extension of time accompanies this amendment and is hereby requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

43. (amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the apparatus further comprises a cascade port, wherein the cascade port is coupled between first and second isochronous hubs without using a backbone network.

55. (amended) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the processor receives an interrupt that indicates that a signaling channel receiver or transmitter of a physical layer device needs to be processed by the processor.

58. (amended) In a data communication network for communicating isochronous and non-isochronous data between data stations over a communications medium including at least